Midland man claims father fired two of three shots that killed JFK

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An unemployed Midland oil equipment salesman has come forth to claim his late father, a former Dallas police officer, was one of three gunmen who assassinated President Kennedy in 1963.

Ricky White, 29, says he "had no conception of ever, ever giving this story out," but decided to do so after the FBI began questioning him in May 1988. No FBI investigation could be confirmed.

White said he can prove that Roscoe White, who died in a 1971 blaze, fired two of the three bullets that killed the president and that he also killed Dallas police officer J.D. Tippit during the search for Lee Harvey Oswald.

Ricky White said Oswald — widely acknowledged as the sole assassin — was involved in the plot but did not fire any shots. The two other gunmen were referred to in his father's diary only by code names, White said.

The evidence White reportedly will provide includes a rifle with telescopic sight that uses the same kind of ammunition that Oswald's gun used; records showing Oswald and White served together in the Marines; and three faded messages purportedly sent by U.S. intelligence officials ordering Kennedy's assassination in Dallas in November 1963.

White said he and his mother read his father's diary, which detailed the assassination. His mother, Geneva White, is seriously ill and unable to be interviewed, family members said. The diary is missing.

Dallas police records show that on Oct. 7, 1963, Roscoe White joined the department as a photographer and clerk. He became a patrol officer in 1964.

As evidence mounted against his father, Ricky White asked the JFK Assassination Information Center in Dallas to verify or disprove his father's involvement, center Director Larry Howard said Sunday.

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